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Georgia Crop Progress & Condition Report

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General: According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Georgia Field Office, there were 5.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 25, 2011. Statewide topsoil moisture was rated at 18% very short, 34% short, 46% adequate, and 2% surplus. Subsoil moisture for the State was 28% very short, 41% short, 30% adequate, and 1% surplus. Precipitation estimates for the week in Georgia ranged from no rain up to 5 inches. The week's average temperature ranged from the lower 60s to the upper 70s.

Crop Progress							
Crop	This	Last	2010	5-Yr			
Сюр	Week	Week	2010	Avg			
	Percent						
Cotton - Bolls Opening	77	74	91	72			
Cotton - Harvested	6	3	11	5			
Hay - Third Cutting	28	N/A	N/A	N/A			
Oats - Planted	6	1	6	6			
Peanuts - Dug	17	9	20	14			
Peanuts - Harvested	8	2	12	6			
Pecans - Harvested	1	N/A	0	0			
Rye - Planted	6	2	5	9			
Sorghum - Harvested	28	27	32	32			
Soybeans - Harvested	1	N/A	1	0			
Tobacco - Harvested	93	91	99	98			
Winter Wheat - Planted	4	1	3	1			

Crop Condition							
Crop	VP	Р	F	G	EX		
	Percent						
Cotton	11	23	34	27	5		
Hay	24	35	31	9	1		
Pasture & Range	19	37	35	8	1		
Peanuts	5	18	39	27	11		
Pecans	4	18	40	30	8		
Sorghum	13	22	46	18	1		
Soybeans	15	24	38	19	4		

VP- Very Poor, P-Poor, F-Fair, G-Good, EX- Excellent

County Extension Comments

Stephen Patrick, Habersham County, District 30

"Finally got some rain beginning Wednesday evening upwards of 3+ inches. Got some more Thursday morning of between .1-.5 inches. Some places didn't get that much. Winter grazing planting will begin in earnest now. Many are hoping for a fall cutting of hay. Many are short of the hay they will need to get through the winter."

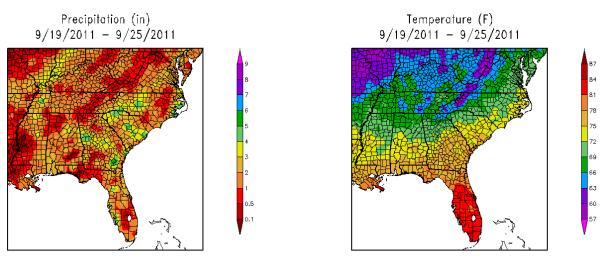
John Pope, Monroe County, District 50

"RAIN!! Whole county benefitted with amounts ranging from 1.4" to over 3.5". Cattlemen scramblin' to get something planted for these hungry cows. There will be some change in crop status, mainly in soybeans and late planted/replanted cotton. Too late to help most fields but it will make peanut digging easier. As soon as it dries out and cotton fluffs, we'll be picking dry land and defoliating irrigated. This next week will see us get into irrigated peanuts pretty heavily. Main benefit of rain...general attitude and rejuvenated spirit."

Jim Crawford, Jefferson County, District 60

[&]quot;Beneficial rains helping tremendously."

Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature



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U.S. Drought Monitor

September 20, 2011

Georgia

	Drought Conditions (Percent Area)							
	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4		
Current	5.35	94.65	91.22	86.43	79.48	0.00		
Last Week (09/13/2011 map)	5.35	94.65	91.22	86.43	80.42	0.00		
3 Months Ago (06/21/2011 map)	0.00	100.00	87.48	74.91	68.91	41.18		
Start of Calendar Year (12/28/2010 map)	2.42	97.58	85.37	40.34	6.49	0.00		
Start of Water Year (09/28/2010 map)	4.80	95.20	39.24	5.11	0.00	0.00		
One Year Ago (09/14/2010 map)	8.01	91.99	39.51	0.00	0.00	0.00		

Intensity: D0 Abnormally Dry D3 Drought - Extreme D1 Drought - Moderate D4 Drought - Exceptional D2 Drought - Severe

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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